Soap Updates by Sell Groves

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DEAR DIANE

by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

I have a problem. I am eight and a half months pregnant. The father of the baby doesn't believe that it's his. He's 24 years old, and I'm only 16. When I told him I was pregnant, he said, "Yeah, and what am I supposed to do about it?" He doesn't care about me or the baby. I am scared that after I have the baby and prove it's his, he's going to take the baby away from me. Is there any way he can do that? How can I keep my baby? What kind of help can I receive from him? Please help.

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE:

You need legal advice on this, and the best way to receive it is to first go to your local Social Services department. They will be able to counsel you and help you through this difficult time, as well as steer you in the right directions to go legally. As far as supporting the child, once paternity is established, the father of the baby will legally have to take financial responsibility.

From what you've said it doesn't sound to me as if he'd be interested in taking the child. If anything, it would appear he's trying to deny everything so he doesn't have to take any kind of responsibility. Try to put your mind to rest about this. Good luck.

DEAR DIANE:

My husband and I have been married a little over a year. We are both in our early 30s. Recently, we discussed having children. My husband wants us to have them now, but I don't feel I'm ready. At the same time, I don't have the heart to disappoint him. He thinks I'm making an effort to get pregnant, but secretly, I'm still on the pill. I feel terrible about deceiving him, but I just don't feel I want children right now. Do you think I'm wrong? Should I give in and just get pregnant?

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED:

I don't think deceit is the answer. These things have a way of coming out and making a situation worse as a result of the duplicity. You have to be very honest with your husband about having a baby. I think he'd probably appreciate that much more than if you continue to pretend to go along with him. Waiting another year or two is not an unreasonable request or compromise.

DEAR DEX

by Dexter Dyer

DEAR DEX:

I'm a 23-year-old mother who has three children. I moved into a new house with my husband and we're on a dead-end street. There is a neighbor who lives right down the end of my street who has a 12-year-old son. This 12-year-old boy raped my five-year-old daughter. Now my husband and I feel crushed, helpless and scared. We have to go by this house every day to get out of the street, but we can't afford to move. We're waiting for court dates now. This is so hard to live with. My daughter doesn't really know what's going on, but we know. It hurts so terribly. My husband can't even work a full day without his mind wandering. I can't sit still. I'm constantly moving and cleaning and I'm wearing myself down. Do you have any advice for this very scared family?

HELPLESS

DEAR HELPLESS:

I believe you and your family definitely need counseling to deal with this tragedy. You can get a recommendation from your family physician, clergyperson or through Social Services. With counseling you will be able to express your feelings of rage and horror and then put them behind you in order to get on with your lives.

I'm glad to see you're pursuing this legally. This 12-year-old boy is very sick and needs help. If he doesn't get it, he will only continue to hurt more people. It will get worse as he gets older. Think of that the next time you have to walk past his house. You're actually doing him and his family a favor by pressing charges, not exacting revenge, so don't be intimidated.

Please write me and let me know how things have gone for you in court and in counseling. My prayers are with you.

Send letters to Dex c/o King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Top 10 Movies

1. **Born on the Fourth of July** starring Tom Cruise
2. **Tremors** Kevin Bacon
3. **Internal Affairs** Richard Gere
4. **Tango and Cash** Kurt Russell
5. **War of the Roses** Kathleen Turner
6. **The Little Mermaid**
7. **Glory** Denzel Washington
8. **Roger and Me**
9. **Driving Miss Daisy** Jessica Tandy
10. **Music Box**

Coupon Corner

by Rose Lynn

Dear M.L. in Sarasota, Fla.: I'm sorry you've had trouble with your Exxon rebate. One of the problems may be that you moved from New York to Florida. Most refunds are sent bulk mail and they are not forwarded. I would suggest you call Exxon at their toll free number. The number is 1-800-[illegible]. Those of you in Texas call 1-800-[illegible]. They should be able to help you.

Remember, for future refunds they take four to six weeks to arrive. If you're planning to move in the next three months, you need to allow enough time for the refund to arrive before the move, or send them to your new address.

Here are a few more toll free numbers to add to your list. Be sure to include the Exxon number too. You never know when you'll have a need for these numbers. If you don't already have a toll free list, start one today.

Quaker State 1-800-759-2525
Mobil 1-800-[illegible]
Minwax 1-800-[illegible]

If you have any specific questions on couponing or refunding you can send them to Rose Lynn, P.O. Box 252, Nedrow, N.Y. 13120. Please mention the name of the paper in which this column appears. If you want a personal response you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Here are this week's offers:

SEAGRAM'S BLACK CHERRY REBATE OFFER P.O. Box 1137A, Ridgely, Md. 21082 (receive $1). Buy two four-packs of Seagram's Black Cherry Wine Coolers. Send in the two UPCs from the carton along with your cash register tape with purchase price circled. Store form required. Expires 4/30/90. Offer valid in Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Montana, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont and Washington only.

DURAFLAME INC. P.O. Box NB666, El Paso, Texas 79977 (receive a check for $1.50 toward your next purchase). Buy six Giant or Handy Duraflame Logs. Send in the six UPC symbols along with your cash register tape with purchase price circled. Store form required. Expires 4/15/90.

PURINA BEEF COMPLETE $2 REBATE BE 33 P.O. Box 14921, Mascoutah, Ill. 62224 (receive $2). Buy one Purina Beef Complete Brand Dog Food 20-lb. bag. Send in the weight circle and your cash register tape. Newspaper form required. Expires 3/31/90.

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by Bryce Elson

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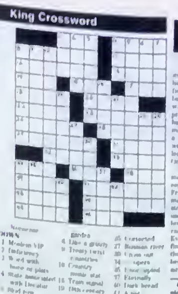

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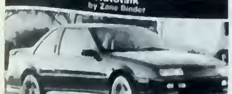

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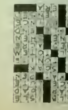

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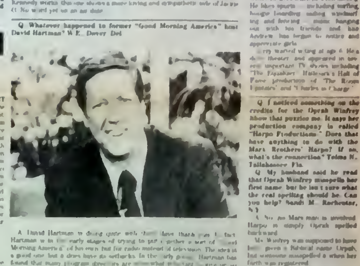

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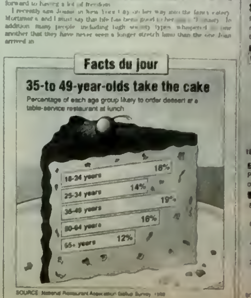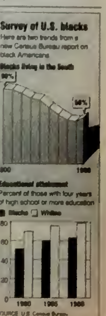
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